

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-70. Cancelled

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~~71.~~ (Previously Presented): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide consisting of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~72.~~ (Previously Presented): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~73.~~ (Previously Presented): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a polypeptide comprising a peptide sequence at least 98% identical to the 1132 residues of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~74.~~ (Currently Amended): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide consisting of at least ~~40~~ 100 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a mammalian promoter or mammalian viral promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~76~~. (Currently Amended): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide that comprises at least ~~40~~ 100 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a mammalian promoter or mammalian viral promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~79~~. (Previously Presented): A composition containing a plasmid vector encoding a polypeptide that comprises SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein when the composition is administered to a subject, the polypeptide is expressed and elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2).

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~~80~~. (Currently Amended): A composition containing a plasmid vector encoding a polypeptide that comprises at least ~~40~~ 500 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein when the composition is administered to a subject, the polypeptide is expressed and elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2).

~~81. (Previously Presented): A composition containing a plasmid vector encoding a polypeptide comprising a sequence identical to the 1132 residues of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein when the composition is administered to a subject, the polypeptide is expressed and elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2).~~

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~~82~~. (Previously Presented): A composition containing a plasmid vector encoding a polypeptide comprising a peptide sequence at least 98% identical to the 1132 residues of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein when the composition is administered to a subject, the polypeptide is expressed and elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2).

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~~83~~. (New): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising at least 500 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein the

composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTRT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~84.~~ (New) A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising at least 500 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2.

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~~85.~~ (New): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide sequence at least 98% identical to the 1132 residues of SEQ. ID NO:2.